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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER		2. DATE OF FILING
The Northwest Blade		Sept. 24, 2003
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE
52 Weekly	52	$25 - $28 - $30

4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers)
P.O. Box 797, Eureka, SD 57437-0797

5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers)
P.O. Box 797, Eureka, SD 57437-0797

6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER:
Arlo C. Mehlhaff

7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.

FULL NAME	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS

8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form.

9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION	AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUED PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUED NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)	1,600	1,600
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales.	1,376	1,371
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	1376	1,371
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)	1376	1371
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION 1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS	39	39
2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES	60	54
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)	1475	1464
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	125	136
2. Return from News Agents	0	0
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 – Should equal net press run shown in A)	1600	1600

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER

I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete. Arlo C. Mehlhaff

State of South Dakota)

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County of McPherson)

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Sworn to before me this 24th day of Sept., 20 03

Barry Lapp
Notary Public

My commission expires _____

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